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SUBJECT: FRANCO- GERMAN SUMMIT TALKS ON ARTICLE
XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: PARIS 17350, PARIS 17078, STATE 122856

1. IN VIEW OF BRUNET' S REMARKS (REFTEL), WE ASKED ABEL
(GATT AFFAIRS ECONOMIC MINISTRY) ON JUNE 24 FOR CLARIFI-
CATION FRG POSITION ON ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS IN
WAKE FRG- FRANCE SUMMIT CONSULTATIONS.

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2. ABEL SAID QUOTE WE ARE NOT VERY HAPPY UNQUOTE WITH THE TALKS WITH THE FRENCH ON THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS. THERE HAD BEEN QUOTE SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS UNQUOTE, ACCORDING TO ABEL WITH REGARD TO BOTH THE PREPARATION FOR THE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS (MTN) AND THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS. THE LATTER DISCUSSIONS, LED BY STATE SECRETARY APEL (FONOFF) FOR THE GERMANS QUOTE HAVEN' T BEEN VERY CLEAR UNQUOTE, BUT HAD BEEN QUOTE CARRIED OUT BY PEOPLE NOT KNOWING THE ISSUESUNQUOTE. CONSEQUENTLY ABEL CONTINUED, THE U. S. QUOTE SHOULDN' T WORRY ABOUT SOME RUMORS UNQUOTE OR TO THE OUTCOME OF THE FRANCO- GERMAN CONSULTATIONS.

3. THE FRG POSITION ON ARTICLE XXIV:6 AT THE LUXEMBOURG EC COUNCIL SESSION, WHICH IS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY, WILL BE UNCHANGED. SPECIFICALLY, ABEL SAID, THE FRG WILL;

A. PRESS FOR THE COMMISSION TO CHECK THE BALANCES IN CONCRETE TERMS WITH THE U. S.,

B. ON THE BASIS OF THE OUTCOME, SEE WHAT COMPENSATION; IF ANY, IS TO BE GIVEN;

C. PRESS FOR THE COMMISSION TO ENTER EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH THE U. S.;

D. SEEK A GLOBAL SOLUTION IN THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS, AS IN THE MTN.

4. ABEL ADDED THAT QUOTE WE KNOW, OF COURSE, THAT THE FRENCH POSITION IS DIFFERENT UNQUOTE.

5. IN CONCLUSION, ABEL STRESSED, THE FRG DOSSIER AND SPECIFICALLY THE FRG TALKING POINTS FOR THE LUXEMBOURG MINISTERIAL ARE QUOTE THE SAME UNQUOTE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES SINCE THE FRG- FRENCH SUMMIT.

6. WE ARE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN FONOFF CONTACT ALSO TODAY (SUNDAY). WHILE MTN EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED MONDAY BY EC COUNCIL, WHEN ECONOMIC MINISTER FRIEDRICHS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL BE IN THE CHAIR FOR THE FRG DELEGATION, THE DISCUSSION ON ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATION MAY BE HELD OVER FOR TUESDAY, WHEN FONOFF STATE SECRETARY APEL WILL BE THE PROBABLE FRG CHAIRMAN.
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